Assistance to Andhra Pradesh under different schemes of rural development

†873. DR. PRABHATHAKUR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Central assistance provided to State Government of Andhra Pradesh for different schemes during last three years; and

(b) the year-wise complete details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has released an amount of Rs. 350,839.52 lakh, including the value of foodgrains, to Andhra Pradesh during the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002.

(b) The details of assistance, year-wise, are given below :—

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Amount	Quantity of Foodgrains
1999-2000	66,515.99	—
2000-01	91,711.72	—
2001-02	192,611.81	232435 Tonnes

Panchayati Raj Bodies Bill

874. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Panchayati Raj Bodies Bill soon;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether the Bill is likely to be introduced during the current session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir, a proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c) It is premature to state the salient features and further action on the proposed legislation since the matter is still under consideration.

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